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TITLE: Retroreflective sheeting and method for forming same

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (24):

Briefly summarizing, retroreflective sheeting of the invention comprises a binder layer with retroreflective elements partially embedded in the surface thereof. The binder layer has first and second sides with the first side having one or more protrusions thereon, the protrusions having one or more retroreflective elements partially embedded thereon. An important distinction over previously known profiled or patterned retroreflective sheetings is that the binder layer is a so-called "shape memory" material that has been deformed and then activated after the retroreflective elements are embedded therein to achieve the desired final shape.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (43):

Preferably the microspheres have a reflective coating on a portion thereof, e.g., a hemispheric coating of aluminum, silver, or a dielectric coating. Such microspheres will be self-retroreflecting. Alternatively, the microspheres may be free of any reflective coating and reflective material such as pigment flakes may be incorporated in the binder layer. This optical system is similar to that used in many retroreflective pavement markings.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (44):

The microspheres will typically comprise a reflective layer, e.g., a substantially hemispheric coating of aluminum, silver, or dielectric material thereon.